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**ADMINISTRATIVE FILE:** CHAIRMAN, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
NATIONAL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT

**SUBJECT:** Foreign Intelligence Required by the Research  
and Development Board

**References:** a) RDB 49/4.1 dated 13 June 1949  
b) RDB 169/1 dated 23 December 1948

1. This will acknowledge receipt of reference memorandum requesting foreign intelligence in support of the Master Plan of the Research and Development Board.

2. The Central Intelligence Agency will endeavor to fulfill those portions of your request related to foreign research and development on weapons, weapons systems and techniques, exclusive of categories 10 and 13 of the Master Plan, and is developing its plans accordingly. Those plans, when completed, will be the subject of a future communication.

3. In the meantime, a series of discussions is being arranged between representatives of the Office of Scientific Intelligence of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Research and Development Board planning groups in order to arrive at those portions of the annual intelligence estimate to be given top priority for preparation by the 1 September 1949 deadline.

4. To supplement the annual estimates and to provide timely intelligence in the interim, plans have been made for the Central Intelligence Agency representatives on the Research and Development Board Committees and panels to present briefings at short intervals. By means of the annual estimate and the interim briefings, it is hoped to provide the Research and Development Board with the intelligence support which it requires in its operations.

5. With respect to categories 10 and 13 of the Master Plan, this Agency believes that discussions are necessary between representatives of CIA and RDB in order to clarify existing responsibilities for Intelligence Operations and Psychological Warfare and Cold War Operations. Accordingly, CIA can make no commitment with respect

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to these two categories at this time. It is therefore requested that you designate representatives from RDB with whom representatives from CIA can enter into discussions on categories 10 and 11.

*signed & disp via Encl 7/2.*

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NOTE FOR RECORD: Basic, ref a), stated that the adoption of a master plan for Research & Development for National Military Establishment makes it necessary to request that CIA supplement its present methods of reporting foreign intell to the Board. Requested that CIA prepare an annual consolidated summary of all available intell on performance characteristics and estimated future trends of foreign weapons, weapons systems and techniques. First increment due 1 Sept 49 and subsequent reports as available. Annual report due 1 Sept each year.

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MEMO FOR RECORD: 10/2/50: [redacted], DAD/OSI, reported thru [redacted] OAD/OSI to [redacted] ER, that the annual report was no longer required; that OSI worked with R&DBd on an almost daily basis and as a result the annual consolidated report requested in basic request, is no longer required. Therefore, no further action will be taken by the ODCI toward the submission of an annual report.